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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, AUGUST 24, 1978

TO: EA - MR. OAKLEY, ACTING

FROM: EA/J - ALAN D. ROMBERG

1. ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: THE "FUKUDA INITIATIVE" (LOU)

1. PLANNING CONTINUES FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 4-5 ON THE FUKUDA INITIATIVE. SIMULTANEOUS DOE AND GOJ PRESS RELEASES ARE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 25. ALTHOUGH THE LANGUAGE TO BE USED STILL REFLECTS DIFFERING PRIORITIES BOTH IN KINDS OF PROJECTS AND TIME-FRAME INVOLVED, WE CONTINUE TO STRESS TO THE JAPANESE OUR DESIRE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN BOTH NUCLEAR FUSION AND COAL LIQUEFACTION.

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MARILYN MEYERS AND I ATTENDED A MEETING IN TOM PICKERING'S OFFICE THIS WEEK TO BRIEF THE DELEGATION LEADER, DOE RE-SEARCH DIRECTOR DEUTCH, ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE FUKUD INITIATIVE AND OUR OBJECTIVES. DEUTCH WILL CHAIR A DELEGA TION MEETING AT DOE AUGUST 25 TO WORK ON BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE U.S. SIDE.

2. NAKAGAWA/USHIBA VISIT (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR NAKAGAWA. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLY THREE MEETINGS WITH BOB STRAUSS, HE WILL HAVE A MEETING FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND, BREAK-FAST WITH CONGRESSMAN FOLEY AND LUNCH WITH SENATOR TALMADGE. A MEETING WITH SENATOR STONE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY.

AS YOU KNOW, USHIBA WILL BE HERE AT THE SAME TIME AS NAKAGAWA BUT NOT OFFICIALLY AS PART OF THE NAKAGAWA DELEGATION. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR USHIBA WITH BRZEZINSKI, BUT THAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE SINCE BRZEZINSKI WILL BE TIED UP WITH THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AT THAT TIME. THE EMBASSY ALSO ASKED OUR VIEWS ON WHAT OTHER APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BE REQUESTED FOR USHIBA. WE TOLD THEM THAT WE FEEL IT WOULD BE BOTH APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH DICK HOLBROOKE AND DICK COOPER IN STATE, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, SECRETARY KREPS, FRB CHAIRMAN MILLER AND CEA CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT USHIBA MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN NAKAGAWA'S MEETINGS, BUT WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL POSSIBLY ATTEND ONE OR TWO OF THE ANTICIPATED THREE MEETINGS WITH STRAUSS.

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3. SUB-CABINET MEETING (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

DICK HOLBROOKE, ERLAND AND I MET WITH DICK COOPER WEDNESDAY. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT WE SHOULD PURSUE SUB-CABINET TALKS OCTOBER 2-3 (THE JAPANESE HAVE INFORMALLY BEEN TOLD THOSE ARE THE DATES WE ARE CONSIDERING), BUT BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL DECISION, COOPER WANTS A MEMORANDUM OUTLINING WHAT THE TALKS WOULD COVER AND HOW THEY WOULD FIT INTO THE SERIES OF MEETINGS WE WILL BE HAVING WITH THE JAPANESE THIS FALL. I WILL BE WORKING WITH ERLAND AND JIM SHINN ON THAT. WE WILL WANT TO GET BACK TO THE JAPANESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A FIRM SCHEDULE AND SUGGESTED AGENDA.

4. CIVIL AVIATION: U.S. DELEGATION TO MEET (LOU)

THE U.S. CIVIL AVIATION DELEGATION, INCLUDING INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES, WILL MEET INFORMALLY WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ ON AUGUST 25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON US/JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE RECENT VISIT OF MOFA'S KITAMURA, AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THE FALL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

5. FINANCE AND ENERGY: PREPAYMENT FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SALES OF ENRICHED OR NATURAL URANIUM (LOU)

ON AUGUST 24, TREASURY ASSISTANT FISCAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FITZPATRICK AND MR. K. KODAMA OF MITI'S RESOURCE AND ENERGY AGENCY INITIALED A MEMORANDUM WITH ATTACHED NOTES DESIGNED TO UP SET ACCOUNTS AT TREASURY INTO WHICH JAPANESE UTILITY COMPANIES CAN PREPAY, BY THE END OF THIS JFY, AN AMOUNT OF \$1 BILLION FOR ALREADY CONTRACTED URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES SHOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE ACCOUNTS WILL EARN 6.7 PERCENT INTEREST, COMPOUNDED SEMI-ANNUALLY. THE JAPANESE SIDE REQUESTED THAT THE AMOUNT OF PREPAYMENT BE UPPED TO \$1.5 BILLION AND THE U.S. SIDE, IN THE PAPERS INITIALED TODAY, PROMISED TO CONSIDER THIS.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED MOFA AND MOF REPRESENTATIVES, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL UTILITY COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES. THE DELEGATION ALSO MET INFORMALLY WITH DOE REPRESENTATIVES, FOLLOWING THE TREASURY SESSIONS, TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE USG MIGHT BE WILLING TO SELL JAPAN ADDITIONAL ENRICHED OR NATURAL URANIUM.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM KANSAI ELECTRIC, MR. ITO AND MR. TERADA, WILL ALSO BE MEETING WITH SPECIAL ADVISER SCHEINMAN OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S OFFICE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON AUGUST 25.

6. OTHER VISITORS (UNCLASSIFIED)

MINISTER KUMAGAI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7-9 FOLLOWING A VISIT TO CANADA. HE WILL HAVE MEETINGS AT DOE AND NASA AS WELL AS WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH AT STATE. THESE MEETINGS WILL BASICALLY BE JUST COURTEST CALLS.

MINISTER YAMADA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 10-14 HEADING THE JAPANESE DELEGATION TO OUR ANNUAL TALKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VANCE, BUT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE YAMADA. THE EMBASSY IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SEEK
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AN APPOINTMENT WITH SOMEONE ELSE IN STATE. IF THEY DO,
WE PLAN TO SUGGEST UNDERSECRETARY BENSON, WHO IS PRE-

PARED TO SEE HIM. CHRISTOPHER

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